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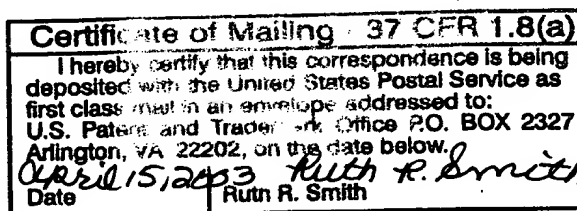
In response to the March 25, 2003, office action, applicant hereby elects Group I (i.e., claims 1-3), with traverse. Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the basis that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no serious burden exists for search and examination of the groups defined in the outstanding office action, no benefit is derived from imposing restriction among Groups I-IV. Therefore, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

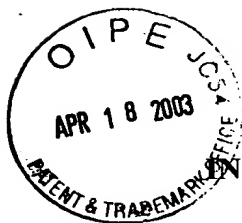
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